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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE'S VIEWS ON RHODESIA

AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

1. RHODESIA. ZAMBIAN FM MWALE TOLD USUN OFFICER LATE JULY 27 THAT "NINE THOUSAND" ZANU AND ZAPU GUERRILLAS HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED INTO RHODESIA SINCE OCTOBER 1977. THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA IS WORSENING MILITARILY, HE SAID, AND COULD COLLAPSE WITHIN TWO MONTHS UNLESS "SOMETHING" IS DONE. BY "SOMETHING" MWALE MEANT AN OIL EMBARGO ON RHODESIA THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA. "IF YOU AND THE BRITISH DON'T ACT WITHIN TWO MONTHS," HE CONCLUDED, "IT COULD BE TOO LATE." HE NOTED THAT, OF ALL THE OPEC COUNTRIES HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED, ONLY IRAN HAD REFUSED TO COOPERATE IN CUTTING OFF OIL SUPPLIES TO IAN SMITH BY CUTTING
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THEM OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA. "WE ZAMBIANS," HE SAID, "HAVE PLEADED IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO NOT WANT A BLOODY CONFLICT IN RHODESIA WHICH COULD BE AN INVITATION TO EAST-WEST CONFLICT." HE AGAIN URGED THE US AND UK GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ACTION TO BRING DOWN THE SMITH REGIME. REGARDING THE ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE, MWALE TOLD USUN OFFICER THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS STILL READY TO ATTEND.

2. NAM. MWALE SAW LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE IN THE FACT THAT MANY SPEAKERS IN THE NAM MINISTERIAL GENERAL DEBATE NOW GOING ON WERE NOW CRITICIZING INTERFERENCE "FROM ANY QUARTER." "EVERY-BODY," HE SAID, "HAS A QUARTER OF THEIR OWN DEFINITION WHICH THEY FEAR. MOBUTU, FOR EXAMPLE, MEANS THE KATANGESE AND NOT THE FRENCH." HE THEN ASKED RHETORICALLY, REFERRING TO MOBUTU, IF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A STATE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE INCLUDED THE RIGHT TO DEFEND A CORRUPT REGIME.

3. OAU SUMMIT. MWALE SAID THAT SOME OF THE COMPROMISES STRUCK AT KHARTOUM BY AFRICAN LEADERS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WITH TONGUES IN CHEEK. HE HOPED THAT THE COMPROMISES ON NON-INTERFERENCE AND ON THE ROLE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ACHIEVED AT KHARTOUM WOULD NONETHELESS HOLD UP AT BELGRADE. HE CRITICIZED THE EGYPTIANS FOR THEIR ANTI-CUBAN BLAST JULY 27, (SEPTEL), SAYING THAT SUCH TACTICS WOULD ONLY INVITE A BLAST FROM THE OTHER SIDE AND RISK THE VERY DIVISIONS THE MOVEMENT WANTED TO AVOID.
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